

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER, MORPETH

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| Masses and Services This Week | | | |
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| Sunday 1 st November | 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass | Helen and Douglas Cone Michael Pearson Evelyn Givens | Feast of All Saints |
| Monday 2 nd November | 9:15am Mass | Catholic Women's League (FF) | All Souls |
| Tuesday 3 rd November | 9:15am Mass | Isobel Davidson (sick) | St Martin de Porres |
| Wednesday 4 th November | 9:15am Mass | <i>No Intention</i> | St Charles Borromeo |
| Thursday 5 th November | 9.15am Mass | BM | |
| Friday 6 th November | 9:15am Mass | Alan Smith | |
| Saturday 7 th November | 9.00am Mass 11am – 12noon | Margaret & Raymond Taylor Walker CONFESSIONS | St Willibrord |
| Sunday 8 th November | 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass | Mary McCole Robert and Alice Soulsby Harry and Margaret Bell | 32nd Sunday, Year B |

| SUNDAY 8th November 2015 | | | |
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| Mass | 9:00 | 11:00 | 18:00 |
| Readers | A. Beattie M. Murray | D. Shearer V. Shearer | J. Gill T. Edwards |
| Extraordinary Ministers | M. Dewar D. Dewar A. Donaldson | A. Dawes R. Soulsby G. Davison | M. Illingworth A. Smith Chris Smith |
| Altar Servers | S. Bambrick E. Walker-Barras | P. Glancey | P. Smith J or D Dowd |
| Children's Liturgy | Leader: | Companion: | |

Welcome: If you are visiting Morpeth and you are also visiting St Robert's Church this weekend, we extend a very warm welcome to you and hope that you will feel very welcome.

Tea and Coffee: we serve Tea and Coffee every Sunday morning after both the 9am and 11am Mass in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome.

Antoni Sulek: The family of Antoni Sulek are displaying some of his paintings in the Hall TODAY after both the 9am and 11am Masses, during Coffee. Paintings are on sale and prices are displayed on the paintings. The parish will receive 10% of any sales.

Last Sunday's Offering: - Average Standing Orders £467. Collection £979.07. Thank you

Prayer Group: The next meeting will be on 25th November in Church followed by discussion in the sacristy.

Wednesday Word: Please pick up a copy in Church today

Father Peter is away this week (Monday to Friday) in Arundel, Brighton, attending the Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage Directors Conference for Great Britain. He will be back on Friday evening

Baptism Congratulations We congratulate the parents of Patrick James Smith of Stannington and Iona Grace Pringle of Morpeth, who were both baptised at St Robert's Church last Sunday afternoon. Please pray for the children at this special time, as they begin their Journey of faith.

Lately Dead: Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Bridget Nan McLeod, of Mitford Road whose Funeral Service was held at the West Road Crematorium on Thursday afternoon.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group Meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday 5th November at 7.00pm in church.

Bible Sharing: Next meeting is Tuesday 3rd November 1pm to 2pm in the Church Hall.

New Ministers of Holy Communion: A Course will be arranged for those who have offered to be commissioned as Ministers of Holy Communion. More information soon.

Catenian Mass for Deceased Members: The Morpeth Circle of the Catenian Association is having a Mass celebrated on Wednesday 11th November at 7pm at St Robert's for their Deceased Catenian Members. All welcome to the Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council at 7pm on Monday 9th November.

Clergy Training Fund: Very many thanks to everyone who has already contributed to the Clergy Training Fund through the Collection last week. The Fund remains open for a further three weeks until 22nd November. Gift Aid Donation should be made using the pink envelopes at the back of Church.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting of the SVP will be held on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. We would welcome any prospective new members to join us there.

CWL Bonus Ball: winners on Saturday 24th October. Bonus Ball No 11. The lucky winners receiving £20 this week are: Maureen McDougall, Phil Stokes, Heather Smith and Mary Murray. Good luck for the next draw! Sorry last week's newsletter showed the wrong date it should have said Sat 17th October.

Diocesan Guidelines for Baptism: The Diocesan Adult Formation and Evangelisation Department have arranged for Consultation Sessions on New Diocesan guidelines for their Preparation and Celebration of Child Baptism. The nearest meeting to here is **Wednesday 4th November from 6.30-8pm at St Benet Biscop Academy, Bedlington.** Other venues and dates are available – see poster for information. Open to all interested parties.

Fundraising Dinner: Our next fundraising dinner will be held on Saturday evening, 7th November at 8pm. Tickets are on sale today after Sunday Masses or contact either Ken Wilson or Matt Boyle. Come along and enjoy a good parish celebration.

Forward Together in Hope: Parish Meeting The second parish meeting for Forward Together in Hope will be held on Thursday 5th November at 7pm in the Church Hall, answering questions 7-12. Many thanks to everyone who attended last Wednesday's meeting. Just before the end of November there will a third meeting to inform you of the responses that are to be submitted as our "parish response". Further information this project can be found on www.hope@diocesehn.org.uk

Christmas Fayre: - The time of this year's Christmas Fayre, Saturday 5th December is rapidly approaching and help is urgently required to make it a success. We will be having similar stalls from our previous fayres so please start collecting items for the craft, toy, jewellery stalls, etc. **Please note we are not having a book stall this year so would only want good quality children's books for the toy stall,** please start collecting but keep hold of everything for now. *We still need people to run stalls.* Please see the form at the back of church to sign up, anyone with any good ideas for children's activities would be greatly appreciated. The proceeds of the fayre are to go to 'Parish Funds'. If you require any further information please contact either Andrea Mitchell, Tel 518618, or anyone on the fund raising committee. Thank you.

November Dead List: During November it is customary for us to pray for our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners. Envelopes for the November Dead List are now available at the back of Church.

Youth Sunday, 22nd November: Video Night: more information over the next few weeks

'Men's Breakfast': The Men's Breakfast Group will hold their next meeting on Saturday 7th November. Mass will be celebrated at 9am and then the meeting immediately after at 9.30am in the Hall.

Pope John Paul II Award Parish Representative. We need to appoint someone as soon as possible. Anyone willing to take it on, please let Fr Peter know.

Hospital Chaplain: Please remember that Hospital Chaplains do not have access to patients' religious details, so it is important if you are going into hospital that you inform the staff if you wish to have a visit from the Roman Catholic chaplain. Alternatively contact him beforehand: Wansbeck Hospital, Ashington, Fr Dave Nixon 01670 812200. For Newcastle hospitals contact clergy at St Mary's Cathedral on 0191 2326953.

Baptisms date requests: There are several requests for date for Baptism pencilled into the parish diary which have not yet been confirmed with Fr. Peter. To make sure that these Baptisms are definite, would the parents who have asked for Baptism in the coming months please contact Fr Peter as soon as possible. Please speak to him personally after Mass to confirm the Baptism request. If you know of anyone who has put in a request, please inform them of this. Anyone wishing to book a Baptism is requested to speak to Father Peter after Sunday Mass and to collect an Application Form from him.

Marriages 2016: Those wishing to be married next year at St Robert's are asked to speak to Fr Peter as soon as possible to confirm dates, so as to avoid any clashes with other marriages, celebrations or parish events.

First Holy Communion Preparation: - If there are any children, not in St Robert's School, who are in Year 3 and wishing to begin their Preparation for First Confession and Holy Communion please let Fr Peter know their names so that we can make some provision for when the programme begins. .

Adult Journey in Faith: If there are any adults or young parents or young people, interested in the Catholic faith, interested in becoming Catholic, or Catholics wanting to know about their own faith, please speak to Fr Peter and we will try to organise some catechesis. Any adults willing to help with this should let Fr Peter know.

The Northern Cross: The November edition of 'The Northern Cross' is available now at the back of Church. There is not much Morpeth or Northumberland news in it!!! Yet there's lots going on here Anyone willing to report events and activities to let the diocese know what's happening here?

Priestly Vocation Discernment: For those thinking about priesthood (aged 16 and over) evenings of Prayer and Reflection have been arranged. An opportunity to listen to speakers talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations. St Mary's Cathedral, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Wednesdays 25 Nov, 16 Dec, 20 Jan, 24 Feb, 27 Apr, 25 May, 22 Jun. Contact Fr David Smith (0191 2676063 stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com)

Parish newsletter: - items for newsletter should be emailed to Pauline at Paulinemc2012@gmail.com or the parish email morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk or drop a note in at the Presbytery, by 4pm Thursday.

Mission Boxes: The Red Mission Boxes now due to be emptied. If you have a box at home, please bring it along to church so it can be emptied.

World Gifts Catalogues: Copies of the CAFOD World Gifts catalogues are now available at the back of Church. A great way to provide unusual but very worthy presents for family and friends while helping those in other parts of the world.